

The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, education support professionals are involved in nearly every aspect of education – maintaining buildings and grounds; preparing and serving meals; keeping school facilities clean and orderly; assisting in the classroom; providing over 60 percent of all instructional hours to special education, English Language Learners, and opportunity gap students; performing and conducting research activities; providing information technology and media services, administrative support functions, and safe transportation; creating a secure and healthy environment; and many other specialized services; and

WHEREAS, more than 62,000 education support professionals work with, and help students in, Washington's universities, colleges, and public schools are the backbone of our public education system, and deserve recognition and thanks for the outstanding work they do for this state and their communities; and

WHEREAS, education support professionals are instrumental in fulfilling the state's responsibility to educate all students, and by supporting the learning environment, they serve as crucial partners with teachers, parents, administrators, and school boards;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim March 14-18, 2022, as

Education Support Professionals Week

in Washington, and I encourage all people in our state to join me in this special observance.

Signed this 18th day of February, 2022

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jay Inslee".

Governor Jay Inslee

